

**November 2019**

There’s lots going on in the Solihull Parish for families. Everyone is welcome!

**Sunday Worship**

**St Alphege Church (B91 3RQ)**

You are welcome at the **9:15am** in the church building. Worship with a mix of traditional and contemporary music in our beautiful church. Space for all ages with dedicated activities for children.

**“The Junction”** meets at **9.15am** in the Oliver Bird Hall (OBH) – adjacent to the church building.

An informal service for young families offering tailored activities for children of all ages,

from babies to big kids. It’s lively and laid back!

**At 9.15am on Sunday 10th November everyone will meet together in the church building for All Age Remembrance service.**

You are welcome at the **11am**. A choral service with our excellent choirs. Time to reflect and wonder.

We have Choral Evensong at **6.30pm** - a traditional contemplative service enjoyed by Christians and people of no faith (there is also a short Choral Evensong service on Wednesdays at 6.30pm

which can give a peaceful half hour break in the middle of the week)

**St Helen’s Church (B91 2DA)**

You are welcome to St Helen’s at **10am** on the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays. Worship in a modern space

with a strong community feel and a range of traditional and contemporary music.

Tailored groups for children. **Jigsaw** meets at 4pm on the 3rd Sunday of each month – for more details see below.

**St Michael’s Church (B91 1BS)**

You are welcome to come along to St Michael’s at **10.30am** every Sunday at Sharman's Cross Junior

School (B91 1PH). We meet in the school hall where we create a warm, welcoming space for all ages to

worship, with a creche for little ones and activities for children of all ages.

**Weekly Activities**

***OASIS*** *Tuesdays* in term time 9.15 – 10.15am in the Oliver Bird Hall.

A warm and welcoming space for parents to meet each week for friendship and support, share a

cuppa and talk about love, life, family and faith. Toys are provided for the children to play with,

while you enjoy a cup of tea of coffee, posh biscuits and time to chat with other parents.

***Prams to Preschool* - Praise and Play:** Every *Friday* from 9.30am onwardsin the Oliver Bird Hall.

Fun and fellowship for all. Come along and chat, eat biscuits,

sing action songs and explore a bible story.

**St. Alphege Choirs:** We are fortunate to have choirsfor boys and girls from Year 3 upwards.

They rehearse weekly and sing at Sunday morning services and Choral Evensong. Visit [www.stalphegemusic.org.uk](http://www.stalphegemusic.org.uk) to find out more.

**Parish Youth:** There are lots of exciting things going on in the Parish for

young people from Year 6 upwards run by the **Parish Youth** team.

*Wednesdays* (alternate weeks) 6.30pm-7.30pm or 7.30pm-8.30pm

*Fridays* 6pm-7.30pm

If you are interested, please contact Joe on j.minall@solihullparish.org.uk

**Women’s Theology groups:** All women are welcome to join us in discussing the Bible and how it

applies to our daily lives. We meet twice each month with three different groups

(Thursday 1pm, Thursday 7.30pm, Friday 10am) to choose from.

For more information and to sign up, please contact Charlotte Gibson:

[chachagibson@gmail.com](mailto:chachagibson@gmail.com) 0121 709 0668.

**Other Activities in November & beyond**

**Bag a Book this Christmas!** This year we will be supporting the Children’s Storehouse Christmas campaign (part of the Jubilee Solihull Community Trust). Each year the aim is to clothe 500 children in need and they love to give extras like toys and books. This year they would love our support to help make this happen by collecting lots of books for children and young people of all ages.

**Please support this campaign by bringing a book or a set of books to the Junction or the St. Alphege Church Building on either the 17th or 24th November.**

**New Cookbook: As part of the 800th celebrations, a new edition of the parish cookbook is being prepared. We want lots of new recipes – savouries and sweets, traditional and international – which are family favourites of yours! They need to have a list of ingredients, and the method of preparation and cooking, and the number it serves. Please send them, preferably by email, to the parish office (**[**office@solihullparish.org.uk**](mailto:office@solihullparish.org.uk)**) in the next few weeks!**

**Messy Church -** We would love you to join us for our next session when we will be thinking about Light. Suitable for families of all ages with lots of creative activities and a hot child-friendly meal to finish. Save the date Friday 8th November 4-6pm at St Helen’s Church, St Helen's Road (off Buryfield Road) B91 2DA.  £2 per person, £7 per family. Send an email to Linda [l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk](mailto:l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk) if you can make it so we can make sure we have enough food!

**And why not make a note that our next Messy Church session will be on Friday 10th January**

**Jigsaw:** A time to get together with others to explore a Bible story in lots of different ways, to sing and pray to God and to have tea together. It’s for everyone and we hope it will be for you! Join us for the next session at St Helen’s Church, St Helen’s Road (off Buryfield Road), Solihull, B91 2DA on **Sunday 17th November 4pm.**

**Just Explore:**  a course on Thursday evenings to **explore the key aspects of the Christian Faith.** Many have benefitted from this course, which is good for those who are exploring Christianity, for those who would like to refresh their faith, and for those who are considering confirmation. Lots of opportunity to discuss and raise questions. This year the course starts on Thursday 7th November in the OBH. More details on [www.solihullparish.org.uk](http://www.solihullparish.org.uk) and look under the three menu dots on the right side of the home page, or contact Andrew Williams – arwilliams399@gmail.com

**St. Alphege Pre-school Groups (held in the Oliver Bird Hall)**

**Little Treasures:** *Wednesdays* in term time 1pm – 2.30pm.

Drop-in ‘play and stay’ session for children aged 0 – 4.  Early Help resources around children’s milestones and development are on display and available to take home.

£4.50 per family includes refreshments.

**Little Movers:** *Mondays* in term time 9.30am – 11am.  Activities to offer children the opportunity to further develop social, language and physical skills in the academic year they will turn two years old.  Drop-in ‘play and stay’ session – no need to book.   £4.50 per child (£1 additional siblings, maximum charge £6.00 per family) includes refreshments.

**St. Alphege Pre-school:** Ofsted ‘Outstanding’ for second consecutive inspection.  Early years education for children in the academic year they will turn three years old.  Monday to Friday term time 9.10am – 12.10pm.  Applications on website <http://www.stalphege-preschool.org.uk/>

or email request to [manager@stalphege-preschool.org.uk](mailto:manager@stalphege-preschool.org.uk)

 The youngest section in Scouts and open to both Boys and Girls aged 6 – 8. We take part in lots of activities which helps us make new friends, learn new skills, explore our world, play games but most of all have fun! Beavers meet on a Monday or Wednesday evening.

To find out how to get your child onto the waiting list please email:- [waitinglist@6thSolihullScouts.org.uk](mailto:waitinglist@6thSolihullScouts.org.uk)  Or to find out more information call Patrick Taylor (Group Scout Leader) 07711 062127

**Family Information Form**

The Parish are checking details of families who attend church services and activities in the Parish to ensure we have the correct information. Many families have now completed forms but if you haven’t yet, please ask for one from the leader of the children’s activity you attend or at the Parish Office.

**Safeguarding**

The Parish take safeguarding of everybody seriously but in particular children and vulnerable adults. We are all vulnerable adults at some time in our lives. It is everybody’s responsibility so if you have a concern or allegation, including those in the past, regarding safeguarding in the church please raise it.

You can contact Viv Dobson, the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator, on 07960 783636 or a member of the clergy.

Contact details are on noticeboards in each church as is a copy of the safeguarding policy. Information is also available on the website [www.solihullparish.org.uk](http://www.solihullparish.org.uk).